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SUBJECT: SPANISH CONTACTS WITH NATO AND SHAPE

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1. IN BRIEF REVIEW OF SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH WEST EUROPE, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (AGUIRRE DE CARCER) EXPLAINED RECENT DIPLOMATIC SOUNDINGS OF SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM (MARQUES DE NERVA) WITH NATO AND SHAPE CONTACTS. POLITICAL COUNSELOR, WHO NOTED THAT REPORT OF NERVA'S CALL ON GENERAL GOODPASTER HAD APPEARED IN SPANISH PRESS, INQUIRED WHETHER SUCH CONTACTS REPRESENTED NEW CONCERTED SPANISH INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP LINKS TO NATO.

2. AGUIRRE SAID NERVA, SINCE HIS RELATIVELY RECENT ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS HAD MADE SERIES OF "COURTESY CALLS" ON SHAPE AND NATO  
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PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING LUNS, STEINHOFF AND RUMSFELD AND

MOST RECENTLY GOODPASTER. NERVA HAD NOT DONE SO UNDER ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA, THEREFORE HIS ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS DO NOT REPRESENT COORDINATED EFFORT, ALTHOUGH MFA OF COURSE DOES NOT OBJECT.

3. ADDING THAT SPANISH MILITARY ATTACHE AT BRUSSELS HAD ACCOMPANIED NERVA ON CALL ON GOODPASTER, AGUIRRE SAID THAT POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORM OF REGULAR LINKAGE BETWEEN MILITARY ATTACHE AND SHAPE HAD BEEN RAISED. HE AGAIN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH MFA HAD GIVEN NO SPECIFIC MFA INSTRUCTION TO THIS EFFECT, MFA APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MILITARY ATTACHES AND NATO AND SHAPE STAFFS. HE NOTED THAT SUCH PROCEDURE IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR NON-NATO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE U.S. BASES, RECALLING THAT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS HAD BEEN REGULAR CALLER AT SHAPE DURING PERIOD WHEN U.S. WAS USING WHEELUS. IN PRESENT CASE, HE ADDED, MFA WAS NOT TAKING INITIATIVE IN SEEKING INSTITUTIONALIZED LINKS BETWEEN SPANISH MISSION IN BELGIUM AND SHAPE, BUT LEAVING IT TO HIGH GENERAL STAFF TO DECIDE HOW AND BY WHOM CONTACTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. SO FAR HIGH GENERAL STAFF HAD MADE NO FINAL DECISION.  
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